(iii) H.E. Mr. Zhu Rongji, Premier of the State Council of the people's Republic of China, January 13-18, 2002

(iv) H.E. Mr. Cassam Uteem, President of Mauritius, January 24 to February 2, 2002

Visits by Foreign Ministers

(i) Dr. Abdullah Abdullah, Foreign Minister designate of Afghanistan, December 12-19, 2001

(ii) Mr. Shimon Peres, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Israel, January 7-9, 2002

(iii) Dr. David Manley, Deputy Prime Minister of Canada, January 20—22, 2002

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Disbursal of loans by KVIC

754. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Khadi and Village Industries Commission is granting loan to provide employment to persons from weaker section through Khadi Boards; and

(b) if so, the amount distributed and persons benefited during the last two years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) has not been conceived as a financial institution.The institutions are encouraged to take loans from the nationalised Banks.

(b) Does not arise.

Production of handmade paper

755. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether KVIC has any action plan to promote production of hand made paper in Andhra Pradesh which is very popular abroad;